

SEVEN MOSSES THE REDS WILL BEGINS

Would-Be Overthrowers of American Government Face Heavy Penalties.

Reds who advocate the overthrow of the government by force or violence will be subjected to severe penalties under a bill passed by the Senate yesterday afternoon. The so-called anti-sedition measure, which is now being considered for several days, it now goes to the House for action.

Maximum penalties fixed in the bill are a fine of \$5,000 and five years' imprisonment, or both, for anyone who advocates the overthrow of the government by force or violence.

Chief Attack on Bill. Principal attack on the bill was aimed at the anti-sedition clause, which opponents declared would confer press censorship power on the Federal Government.

When interest payments are eliminated, Washington's tax burden is greater than that of any of the 12 southern cities, and of all but 4 of the 13 northern central cities.

The gross tax burden to Washington is the comparison of Washington's city taxes with the total of city and state taxes in the general government.

Washington's equitable tax burden should be among the lowest per capita in the country. It is conceded by the tax experts that the tax burden on commercial Washington, with the small taxpayers in Government employ.

Two successful hauls were made yesterday afternoon by the "jimmy" men who were visiting a number of apartment houses in the northwest section during the past few weeks.

Detectors Jack Borman and John Plaster, who were on duty before the apartment house, reported the discovery of a report received from Miss Mary Bonner, and it was while they were conducting an investigation that they discovered evidence of the thief having visited the Webster apartment.

Returning to her apartment and making an investigation, Mrs. Webster discovered that the thief had been in her apartment yesterday afternoon and had returned early in the night, retiring without first making an investigation of her valuables were intact.

Occupants of the building told the detectives that the thief had been in the building yesterday afternoon and last night, and it was impossible to obtain a description of the elusive burglar.

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THE CORCORAN GALLERY BEGINS

Public Referendum to Last Until Next Sunday Night at Corcoran Exhibit.

The public referendum as to the relative merits of the more than 300 oil paintings by American artists which compose the seventh biennial exhibition of the Corcoran Gallery of Art will be high per capita as Washington.

Every visitor to the gallery, whether on a free or on a pay day, will, on the Senate floor, be provided with a printed ballot on which he is invited to indicate his choice of the greatest possible care.

When the voting contest of three years ago was held, the gallery was crowded with visitors, and the result was a landslide for the gallery.

While professional painters are, naturally, highly appreciative of the esteem in which their works are held by the public, the artist, Director, says, "no group of men could, at the same time, be more deeply concerned as regards the recognition of their efforts by the public at large."

In an interview Senator Francis of Maryland said: "It seems to me most unwise for the New York legislature to establish a precedent of legislative body members elected by one of the organized minority parties."

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In addition to the government employees in this organization there are thousands of others in federal employ and in stores and offices who must have been in the gallery in the daytime, and Director, Miss Bonner, says he hopes to see as many as possible of the residents on these two Friday evenings.

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RED "AMBASSADOR" AND HIS SECRETARY.

Business Associates Expected to Testify in His Behalf Before Senators.

A number of prominent American business men, manufacturers and exporters yesterday were in conference with Ludwig C. A. K. Martens, self-styled soviet ambassador to the United States, who has been subpoenaed to appear at a meeting this week of the subcommittee of the Senate relations committee to relate his connection with the circulation of radical propaganda in the United States.

Conferral With Martens. "These business men and manufacturers are anxious to have the United States establish trade relations with Russia," said Martens. "It was with this end in view that they voluntarily came to Washington to testify at the Senate subcommittee hearing. They will be in conference today with Mr. Martens."

One of the business men who conferred with the ambassador yesterday was E. P. Jennings, president of the Lehigh Machine Company, a manufacturer of machinery in Allentown, Pa.

After Ernest L. Thurston, superintendent of schools, explained the critical school situation in the District and throughout the country, and a group of school improvement plans, the Mount Pleasant Citizens Association, meeting in the Johnson-Powell school building, voted to join the National Capital School Betterment Council and aid in the carrying out of the five-point program recently drawn up.

Speaking of the nation-wide conditions, Mr. Thurston said there are now in the United States 650,000 school children. One hundred and forty-three thousand persons quit teaching last year to take up work that would give them a decent living.

"We have a post-war situation now where greater demands than ever will be made on the schools. And here and there we haven't the buildings, equipment nor teachers to meet these demands adequately. The schools must lead in Americanizing foreign-born children, in increasing trade and vocational training, in promoting social work, physical culture and other subjects."

"We raised a great army for war we discovered that at least 5,000,000 men in the United States could not read, and that the condition in an enlightening school is not far from that of a school where the children cannot read because the teachers cannot read."

"The board of education was thanked by the association for encouraging the collection of funds for various purposes from teachers and parents in the schools. George E. Hamilton, president of the board, recently resigned from the board, was thanked for their services."

Utilities Report Adopted. Reports of the public utilities commission, which proposed the Washington Railway and Electric Company's proposed increase in rates were unanimously adopted.

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When the meeting adjourned refreshments were served in the school basement by ladies of the community.

BOY'S GUN WOUNDS GIRL. Robert Dove Had It at Plaything; Ruth Marlow Injured.

Robert F. Dove, ten years old, 923 Rhode Island avenue, yesterday afternoon took out his gun and shot at his toys and when the weapon was discharged Ruth Marlow, six years old, was struck in the head.

MAINTENANCE OF SCHOOL REFORMS URGED BY CITIZENS

Representatives of Score of Local Associations Indorse Moves for Improvements.

Representatives of a score of citizens' associations from the District yesterday last night and unanimously indorsed the movement under way to put the public schools on a sound basis by asking Congress for more teachers, better pay for teachers, more buildings and a business department for the school system.

The representatives also voted to urge their respective associations to send delegates to the National Capital School Betterment Council, which is to present these needs of the school system to the legislature on behalf of the city.

Both resolutions were adopted on motion of C. J. James of Potomac. Action was taken promptly after Mr. James and Selden Ely of North Capitol and Eckington Association urged the representatives present not to go into minor details of school needs, but to get unitedly behind the betterment council on the four general projects which are so badly needed to put the schools in shape to properly educate the record-breaking numbers of children now enrolled.

Make-Up of Conference. The conference last night was composed of the presidents and the school committees of the citizens' associations. The committee on education of the Federation of Citizens' Associations, composed of representatives from the Rotary Club and a number of women's organizations interested in the schools, Dr. Arthur Ramsey, who represents the Chamber of Commerce, the Columbia Heights Citizens' Association on the betterment council, assured the representatives that the school system they need have no fear that the needs of any particular section of the District would be overlooked. It was to have the president and chairman of the school committee of each citizen association and a number of delegates to the school betterment council.

Associations Not Bound. The resolutions adopted last night do not bind the associations represented to join the council. The resolutions merely expressed the intention of those present to urge their respective organizations to join the council.

Mr. James, in offering the resolutions indorsing the school betterment council, said that the citizens' associations go to Congress to urge the need for more teachers, better pay for teachers, more buildings and a business department for the school system.

SPECIAL NOTICES. "THE COME-BACK" PUBLISHED BY AUTHORITY of the surgeon general, Walter Reed Army General Hospital, announces a new course of instruction for nurses and pupils, up to and including the high schools of the United States, which will be published in "The Come-Back" in the issue of January 14, 1920.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE HOME BUILDING ASSOCIATION will be held at the Hotel Washington, 12th St. and Constitution Ave., N. W., on Thursday, January 15, 1920, at 7:30 o'clock p. m.

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SAN FRANCISCO, January 10.—Japan and China have started negotiations on the question of the restoration of Shantung to China, according to a cablegram received today by the New World, a Japanese newspaper here, from Tokio.

Washington will get the thing it needs for its school system. If the school system is not improved, behind the council, but go before Congress urging the needs of their own particular neighborhoods, they will make the entire movement and the city will not get what it needs for its schools, he said.

To show the necessity for a business manager in the school system, Shreve said that the school system now spends about \$4,000,000 a year, and that with the increased salaries of the teachers, the school system will require more than \$5,000,000 a year. He called attention to the fact that a business manager would receive the benefit of the school system from many financial problems which he now has to handle and which take the time of the superintendent of schools and educational administration.

"CUSSES" A POLICEMAN IN ALGERIA; ARRESTED. A man may swear in unvarnished English and get away with it, but when he starts hurling invective at the patois of the tribes of Algeria he is likely to wind up in Prison.

Mohammed Bouchev, a native of Algeria, who has been in America only a few months, entered a lunchroom at the Hotel de Ville, in the city of Algiers, and started a fight with a policeman. The policeman, who was in the city of Algiers, was arrested.

SMASH PLATE GLASS DOOR. Three Intoxicated Men Alarm Occupants of the Revere.

Three intoxicated men smashed in a plate glass door at the Revere Hotel, 12th St. and Constitution Ave., N. W., yesterday afternoon, alarming the occupants of the house. The men, who were from a motor car, were arrested by the police.

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